

# THE IDLE HOUR

Matinee Daily 2:30 P. M.  
Evening 7:00-8:30 P. M.

Where You ALWAYS See a GOOD SHOW

SUNDAYS:  
Continuous 2:30 to 11 P. M.

FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY and TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<b>CHARLES RAY</b> —in— <b>"Crooked Straight"</b> Can you imagine Charlie Ray as a Bank Robber? And a nice girl loving him in spite of it? You must see this one, presenting Charles Ray in a little different character than he usually plays. Of course, he reforms. This picture was advertised here once before, but was not shown. Also Paramount Magazine and Mutt & Jeff	<b>OWEN MOORE</b> —in— <b>"Sooner or Later"</b> "Piccadilly Jim" was Owen Moore's first Select picture, and it made such a tremendous hit throughout the country that it meant instant popularity for the new star. He has a rollicking role in "Sooner or Later," in which he portrays a "Woman hater" who, like most men, "sooner or later" meet their Waterloo. You are going to like this one. Also Harold Lloyd Comedy	<b>Douglas McLean and Doris May</b> —in— <b>"What's Your Husband Doing?"</b> Are you suspicious of your husband's actions?—Here is a story of a wife who watched her husband, and landed in—well you must see for yourself. It's really the cleverest, funniest farce comedy we ever saw, and we know you will agree with us. By all means see this! Also Fox Sunshine Comedy, "The Back-to-Nature Girls"	<b>ETHEL CLAYTON</b> —in— <b>"THE 13th COMMANDMENT"</b> By Rupert Hughes What is the 13th Commandment?—"Thou shalt not spend more than thou earnest." Do not fail to see this powerful drama of every-day domestic life. Miss Clayton is supported by Monte Blue, who played opposite her in "Pettigrew's Girl." Also Billy Parsons in "Oh, Bill, Behave"	<b>TOM MIX</b> —in— <b>"The Speed Maniac"</b> You haven't seen Tom Mix in one of his new fast-moving western pictures for a long time, but here's your chance, and if you like automobile races, you can see a real one in this picture. Also Mr. and Mrs. Carter DeHaven in "The Little Dears"

THURSDAY AND FRIDAY ---**GERALDINE FARRAR** in **"The Flame of the Desert"**

A throbbing drama of the great Sahara and the Woman who defied the desert tribes. A gigantic spectacle, lavishly staged and magnificently presented.

## CITY COMMISSION

Alma, Michigan,  
March 9, 1920  
Regular meeting of the City Commission of Alma in session at the city chambers on above date.

Meeting called to order by Mayor Charles R. Murphy, at 8 o'clock p. m. Present — Commissioners Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.

There being a quorum present, the commission was declared to be in session.

Minutes of the preceding meeting were read and approved.

Moved by Commissioner Archer and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the following bills, as read be approved and clerk instructed to issue checks in payment for same.

Yeas: Commissioners Chick, Creaser, Glass and Archer.  
Nays: None.

Pay Roll, March 9, 1920

General Fund

F. Lippert, 54 hrs. at 50c 27 00

Bert Williams, 60 hrs. at 50c 30 00

Geo. Vannorman, 45 hrs. at 50c 22 50

M. VanHoe, 9 hrs. at 50c 4 50

Chas. Greenway, 7 hrs. at 50c 3 50

C. C. Struble, 12 hrs. at 50c 6 00

Frank N. Grover, 34½ hrs. 70c 24 15

Gamon Meter Co. bill 27 50

Northern Fire App. Co., bill 9 75

Central Mich. Lt. & Power Co.

E. Superior St. Bridge

City hall 27 40

Pumping station 88 00

Pumping Station 19 15

Fire hall 50

Cent. Mich. Lt. & P. Co., bill 5 11

Farmer's Elevator Co. bill 10 12

Alma Record, bill 18 23

Michigan Sugar Co., bill 15 00

Barclay Ayers & Bertsch, bill 64 67

Standard Oil Co., bill 8 90

Earl C. Clapp, bill 11 67

Michigan Fuel Co., bill 15 50

Mich. Sugar Co., bill 186 22

Union Telephone Co., bill 12 67

Cent. Mich. Lt. & P. Co.

Street Lighting 643 75

Western Union Telegraph Co. 2 67

Moved by Commissioner Chick and supported by Commissioner Glass that Ordinance No. 111, to be known as "An Ordinance to repeal Ordinance No. 79 of the Ordinances of the City of Alma, Michigan, and all amendments thereto, the same being entitled: "An Ordinance granting to R. B. Wagner of Grand Rapids, Michigan, his successors and assigns, the right to construct, maintain and operate gas works in the City of Alma, Michigan," and to declare a forfeiture of the franchise therein granted, and all rights and interests of the Gratiot County Gas Company therein," be placed on its first reading.

Yeas: Comm'rs Chick, Glass, and Archer; Commissioner Creaser not voting.

Ordinance No. 111 read.

Communication from Twin Cities Realty Co. relative to the opening of South Court Street read.

Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Archer that the city attorney be authorized to start proceedings to open South Court Street. Motion carried.

Communication from residents of West End Street relative to paving West End Street from State Street to Second Ave. read.

Moved by Commissioner Chick and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the City Manager be instructed to make plans, profiles, and specifications regarding cost of pavement on West End Street. Motion carried.

Reading of bid of William Bartling for the construction of sewer on Ferris, Hannah, Grace, Francisco, Boyer, Cedar, and across lots to Harvard, and on Vassar, Yale and Harvard.

Moved by Commissioner Glass and supported by Commissioner Archer that the bid of Wm. Bartling be accepted and that the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to enter into contract for the construction of said sewers.

Yeas: Commissioners Glass, Chick, Archer and Creaser.

Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Creaser and supported by Commissioner Chick that the Manager get data regarding cost and delivery of trenching machines.

Yeas: Commissioners Glass, Chick, Archer and Creaser.

Nays: None.

Moved by Commissioner Archer and supported by Commissioner Creaser that the application of Mr. MacElmore for permit to move building from Sugar Factory on Ely St. to Sharrar Street be referred to City Manager with power to act. Motion carried.

Moved by Commissioner Archer and supported by Commissioner Glass that the commission adjourn. Motion carried.

Jessie Wolford,  
Chas. R. Murphy, City Clerk,  
Mayor.

## THE CHURCHES

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Rev. John A. Mulvey, Pastor.

Holy masses as follows: First and third Sundays of each month, at 8:30

and 10:30 a. m. Second and fourth Sundays at 10:30 a. m. On week days masses at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

511 N. Park ave.

Subject: "Substance."

Sunday school—9:30 a. m.

Lesson: Sermon, 10:30.

Wednesday testimony meeting at 8:00 o'clock.

Reading room located at 113½ W. Superior St., is open daily except Sunday from 2:30 to 5 o'clock.

The public is cordially invited to the services and to the Reading Room.

St. John's Episcopal Church

Rev. J. Frank Jackson, Pastor

Holy Communion—10:00 a. m.

Sunday School—11:30 a. m.

Evening prayer—7:00 p. m.

Wednesday, Holy Communion—9:30 a. m.

Thursday, Litany—7:30 p. m.

Baptist Church

Sunday Preaching Services 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Rev. Roy W. Hamilton.

Sunday school, 11:15.

Young Peoples meeting—6 p. m.

Thursday night prayer meeting at 7:30.

A cordial invitation to all.

Presbyterian Church.

Cor. of Prospect and West Superior

Rev. Willis L. Gelston, minister

10 a. m. Sunday school.

Special features are the reorganized Women's class and a large instruction class conducted by the pastor which studies what it means to be a Christian.

11 a. m.—Morning worship.

Themes: "Excuses."

3 p. m.—Junior Christian Endeavor.

6 p. m.—Y. P. S. C. E.

Topics: "Patience and Its Rewards," I Cor. 13:4-7; Luke 21:19.

7 p. m.—Evening worship. Theme: "Healing for the Brokenhearted."

Hearty congregational singing is a feature of these services.

A cordial welcome awaits everyone who comes.

On Saturday evening, March 13th a carnival will be given in the church basement by the ladies of Mrs. Brunners and Mrs. Vliet's divisions. The carnival commences at 5 p. m. Admission 10c.

The men of the Presbyterian church and their friends are asked to keep Wednesday evening, March 17, for a Brotherhood banquet. Rev. Joseph Green from Mt. Pleasant will speak.

St. Johns Lutheran Church

Rev. C. Waldelich, St. Louis, Pastor.

On Wednesday evening at 7:00 o'clock Lenten devotional and Bible Hour.

These services are increasing in interest, but the merit a much larger attendance. Let's overcome that sluggishness and make an honest effort to get the best of what is offered. It is open to one and all, you are most cordially invited.

The services next Sunday will be in German and is held at 11:15 a. m. Won't you try and be in your place? All who are able to understand the German are cordially invited.

Free Methodist Church

Sunday Services—

Corner West Center and Cedar Ave.

Sunday School—10:00 a. m.

Preaching—11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Thursday evening prayer meeting—7 p. m.

Peter White, Pastor, 222 Philadelphia avenue.

BEEF GROWERS ATTENTION

The will be a meeting of the Michigan Beef Growers Association at Elwell, March 16, at 1:00 p. m. All growers are requested to bring their contracts—adv.

Signed, Committee

CARD OF THANKS

I sincerely thank relatives, friends and neighbors, also my mother, for their kindness given me in the sickness and death of my loving Ada.

Floyd Bliss and family.

## "It was a hard life, but a good life, and a life that built MEN"

### THE 14 ARMS OF THE SERVICE

The Recruiting Sergeant can give you the information that will help you decide which branch fits you best. In all of them you will get the fine training as a soldier that the United States offers all its men—in many branches you can get highly specialized training.

**INFANTRY**—The men who have made the name of "doughboy" feared and respected throughout the world welcome you to the comradeship. Fine fellows—good fun and good training in any school at the post you go to.

**CAVALRY**—When the horses are champing at the bit and the "yellow legs" mount up and the troop rides forth, there is a thrill that no old cavalryman can ever forget. A horse of your own—a good outdoor life and training for future success.

**FIELD ARTILLERY**—"Action Front" comes the command—then watch the boys with the red hat cord snap into it. A happy outfit—with the dash of mounted service added to interesting work that calls for head and hand. Motors if you wish.

**CORPS OF ENGINEERS**—Army engineering is known the world over for its excellence and an enlistment in the engineers can be the start of a young man's training in the various branches of engineering and in any of the mechanical and building trades.

**COAST ARTILLERY**—Living on the sea coasts, guarding big cities with big guns, getting time for study and a wide and good technical training, the C. A. C. man is preparing for a useful life and good pay and is having a good time while he's learning. The C. A. C. also means the mobile big gun regiments throughout the country.

**AIR SERVICE (including BALLOON CORPS)**—The man who gets the early edge in experience with aeroplanes and balloons has a chance to cash in big on his army training. For flying is only in its infancy and it's going to be a profitable business for men with the right experience.

**ORDNANCE DEPT.**—The ordnance is appealing to the studious young American. To wide opportunities for study, it adds a business as well as a technical training.

**SIGNAL CORPS**—Whether it's laying a wire from a reel-cart at a gallop or installing a wireless station that will flash its message half around the world, the Signal Corps is there, and a man who learns radio telegraph and telephone work in the Signal Corps is always valuable.

**MEDICAL DEPT.**—Good experience, good pay, and training in all branches of hospital work. Excellent opportunity for future success. The Veterinary Corps teaches the care of horses as well as meat and milk inspection.

**TANK CORPS**—The man who knows gas motors and tractors or who wants to know them is invited to join the Tanks. Radio, machine gun and ordnance work are all parts of the Tank Corps work.

**QUARTERMASTER CORPS**—The Corps that feeds and clothes the Army offers a valuable training for future business. Interesting work for the man who likes horses in the Remount Service.

**CONSTRUCTION DIVISION**—Practical work in the many trades is part of the every day life of the Construction Division. Many opportunities to learn the trades of highly paid specialists.

**CHEMICAL WARFARE SERVICE**—For a man with a little knowledge of chemistry or for any ambitious young man who would like to get that knowledge, there is interesting work and rapid advancement in the C. W. S.

**MOTOR TRANSPORT CORPS**—A thorough practical training in motors and their accessories, and in driving as well, is given in the well-equipped schools of the Motor Transport Corps.



WHEN I got out of the Army, I raised my right hand over my derby and said, "Never again, I hope!"

And I am here to state that I was just one of about 3,000,000 who felt like that—only stronger.

It was my privilege to kick and believe me, I did. I couldn't get out too quick—I wanted a feather bed, restaurant food and trousers that flapped around my ankles.

But now that I'm out, civil life is not all that we cracked it up to be! And the Army looks like a pretty good place, after all.

I've been and seen and done things that I wouldn't give up my memories of, for anything.

I had a fine crowd of buddies—two-fisted men with a regular man's outlook on life.

I learned how to take care of myself and all comers—to hold my own with the best and with the worst.

And I learned the sort of discipline that makes a man able to handle men.

I got pretty fair clothes—not as good as the Army gives in peace time but warm and plenty of them—and they didn't set me back sixty a suit, either.

Meals—well, did you ever see a hungry looking soldier?

We all kicked then. Some of the rear-rank generals will always kick. You can't please some birds ever.

The Army never was a bed of roses—it was not meant to be. It is a powerful fighting machine. And even right now, with the peacetime lack of hardship, it's still no place for the lad who won't "play ball."

But, the man who does his duty, who snaps into the spirit of the game, who stands on his own feet, who plays hard and plays clean—there is the chap who gets along and eats up the Army life.

He learns how to handle men, he rises in rank as fast as he proves himself.

He is entrusted with important and interesting work.

He gets more money clear than he could save in civil life.

He comes out with a better education—he has a real time with a good crowd of regular he-men.

He's seen something and been something and done something for the little old U. S. A.

### Where the U. S. Army Serves

American troops are serving in Panama, Hawaii, the Philippines, Alaska, China, Germany, Siberia and here in the U. S. A. The Recruiting Sergeant will gladly give you all the details.

Like every one else in the Army from General to Buck Private, you're under orders and if your outfit moves and you're needed elsewhere, your duty is to go.



The Nearest U. S. Army Recruiting Stations Are:

113½ Superior St., Alma, Mich.

211 Monroe Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.

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